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ANTE-ELECTION PROMISES

ACCORDING to a recent decision of the New York supreme court there is no legal method by which a political candidate can be held to his ante-election promises.

This judgment was rendered in a suit brought to restrain Mayor Mitchell of New York City from making any change in the civil service laws affecting the police department. It was alleged that prior to his election he made certain promises and representations to the voters disclaiming any intention to change or attempt to change certain laws during his administration, if elected.

A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE

WHEN congress reassembles in December the Colombian treaty will again be before the senate for ratification.

This treaty provides for the payment by the United States of \$25,000,000 to the smaller republic in compensation for damages done her by reason of the establishment of the republic of Panama.

In renewing the campaign against ratification, the Los Angeles Times declares that her consent was in nowise necessary to enable us to dig the canal, that she had lost the state of Panama utterly and irrevocably.

THOMAS CALLAHAN

THAT mournful service which is the last man accords man, was rendered in Portland today to the mortal clay of Thomas Callahan, who passed on and out at Corvallis Sunday.

POLICE REFORM

WHETHER a mere coincidence or otherwise, the heads of the Portland and Los Angeles police departments are almost simultaneous in bringing forward new instructions for the guidance of policemen in their personal conduct.

NOT A TIME FOR FEUDS

THE JOURNAL is for a prosperous Portland. It believes in this town. It believes in the people of this town. It believes in the intelligence of the business, professional and working people of Portland.

Why not improve the transportation facilities of Portland? What business interest would not profit heavily from facilitated transportation? It is a time for business men to think. Have they not grown dull waiting for and expecting that the railroads would voluntarily perfect our transportation facilities?

Its service, and in long haul shipments and rates on such shipments, the railroads have met their responsibilities with reasonable efficiency. But the local distribution is inefficient, is inadequate and is expensive.

The line to Alaska is a case in point. It was inaugurated under difficulties. At one time it was a near failure. Two business men took it up and by personal sacrifice and personal solicitation, the sum of \$100,000 was raised, and the line kept going.

A public obligation rests upon the railroads that enter this town. When they came to Portland, they entered into an implied agreement to take care of the transportation end of the game of life and its activities in the Columbia field.

There should be a get-together spirit in Portland. Differences that existed should be laid aside. The past should be buried in the sunlight of anticipation, planning and optimism for the future.

Without full knowledge, it may be assumed that the new Portland instructions are wise, though in some minor instances they are so exacting as to raise the wonder if they leave the policeman ample room for full self respect.

ITS FALSE CHARGE

AN ARDENT supporter of Mr. Booth, the Cottage Grove Sentinel, says that in the late campaign The Journal refused space for a defense to candidates that it opposed.

FREEDOM OF JUSTICE

CLEVELAND has a conciliation court that deals with petty civil cases. Justice is free in that court, lawyers are unnecessary, the parties are encouraged to make free statements unhampered by time-worn rules of evidence, and the judge, having brought out the essential facts, seeks to effect an amicable agreement.

MULTNOMAH'S BOND SALE

EVEN bids, each for the entire issue and all at prices above par, were offered for the \$250,000 installment of interstate bridge bonds authorized by Multnomah county.

pealed to the lawyers to reform court practice and procedure, but always without effect. Do the lawyers not see that the people in the new movement, are finding a way to both reform the courts and dispense with lawyers

Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words in length, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. If the writer does not desire to have his name published, he should so indicate.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and then it comes back to reason, and if they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them under the weight of its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

The City's Bonds. Portland, Or., Nov. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Noting the premium offered in the bids received today for the five per cent bridge bonds prompts me to raise the question of why we are paying six per cent for our city of Portland improvement bonds?

When we turned to the commission form of government we were led to believe one of the blessings we were to receive was that our improvement bonds would be readjusted. We assumed that their interest would be an effort made toward arranging for an equitable rate of interest and an opportunity for the small investor to invest in the city.

It may be said this sum realized over and above the face of \$100,000 "incidental," such as surveys. But who pays for such incidentals when surveys are made and the work is carried out? The general fund. Then why should it not be carried out by the department maintained for, anyway?

The statement may be made in this connection that the security offered in all cases does not warrant a lower rate of interest than six per cent. Such a statement is certainly not justified in the high priced residence and business districts. The interest rates are the same in all cases.

While I am on the subject, how is it our bank customers are to be protected? The banks are to have preferred creditors—the county, the city, the state and the government. These are protected by the bank's collateral security.

The Right of Public Trial

Portland, Nov. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal.—May I have the judicial status of Judge McGinn in his refusal to grant a "public trial" in the case of the State vs. Arnelias, as well as his refusal to allow any further publicity during the trial, the prosecutor being a minor, calls forth comment to the last degree.

Race and Royalties

From the Chicago Tribune. The resignation of Prince Louis of Battenberg as first sea lord prompts the ironic question: "How far?"

A FEW SMILES

Little 4-year-old Gladys was making her first journey in a sleeping drawing room with her mother. In the morning she was much amused to see the passengers in the various stages of dressing, from the berthing and said: "Mother, why did those people sleep in the hall?"—Harper's Magazine.

SMALL CHANGE

Never bet on a sure thing unless you can afford to lose. When women peep at each other they call it kissing—but is it? It isn't necessary to acquire an automobile to run in a debt.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

The contractor hopes to have the new postoffice building at Roseburg enclosed before the winter rains set in. The contract limit is March 1, 1915.

George Merton, near St. Paul, recently killed a fine four point buck that was grazing with some cattle and allowed him to come within close range. This is said to be the first deer seen in that section for some years.

THE RUSSIANS AND JERUSALEM

"Girard" in Philadelphia Ledger. On to Jerusalem! Very shortly this may become a most potent battle cry than were "On to Paris," "On to Moscow," "On to Richmond," "On to Paris," "On to Moscow."

The Landless of Oregon

Cottage Grove, Or., Nov. 9.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I think the Sacramento Bee's suggestion a good one. Why not help some of the Oregon landless people and save that transportation money that it would take to import the British goods which there are plenty of people here at home that would appreciate help.

Why Japan Rejoices

From the Tacoma Ledger. Japanese rejoicing over the fall of Tsing-Tau, strong German fortress of Kiao-Chow, may seem to be out of proportion to the magnitude of the achievement. The fortress was defended by about 7000 Germans, while the attacking force was much larger.

INVESTORS WHO ARE HIT BY THE WAR

By John M. Oskison. Picking more or less at random among the announcements of dividends passed, dividends cut, and bond interest defaulted during the last two months, I have come upon such companies as these:

President's Thanksgiving Call

From the Christian Science Monitor. There is nothing perfidious or plaudinous about the president's recent call to the people of the United States to observe one of the most distinctive of the national holidays.

No Fear of Devils

From the London Chronicle. Even if the world were filled with devils, says Prince Bismarck, in his address to his fellow countrymen, "the German people would still defend their place in the sun."

IN EARLIER DAYS

"We reached Dr. Whitman's mission on October 10, 1842," said Mrs. James Hembree of Lafayette. "From Dr. Whitman's we went to Fort Walla Walla, now called Wallula. Most of our train decided to try to take their wagons and oxen on through to the Willamette valley, but my father and a few others, who were not so late in the year that they had left their wagons at Fort Walla Walla and rode down the Columbia on boats and ox rafts."

"It took nearly two weeks to cut down the trees and saw them into planks with a pit saw. They dug a pit, and another stayed on the log, and they sawed enough planks to build two flatboats for our party. They built a raft, and the two good sized flatboats, James Appleton, J. D. McKinn, William Beagle, J. D. McLean and a number of others, besides our own family, left their oxen and wagons at Fort Walla Walla and went down the Columbia. Peter Burnett hired a Hudson Bay boat, and an Alaskan as pilot. Dr. Whitman also was with us, he was going down to The Dalles to get his wife who was visiting there."

"I will never forget our trip through the rapids of the Columbia. The water seemed to pile up on both sides of our boat. One of the boys tipped over, and one of Jesse Appleton's boys was drowned. Elisha Appleton, Lindsey Appleton's boy, and Will Burnett succeeded in getting over on the right. Two other men, C. M. Stricker and McClelland, were drowned. One of these men was a brother-in-law of Jesse Appleton. Our boat came very near being wrecked coming through the rapids, but fortunately it did not upset."

"We stopped at The Dalles for a little while, and then went down the Columbia to Port Vancouver, where Dr. McLoughlin was more than kind to us. Peter Burnett and General M. W. McCarver had decided to start a town when they got to the Willamette valley. They picked out a place on the Willamette river five miles above its mouth, and called it Linnton, after Senator Linn. Quite a few of Peter Burnett's men decided to stay there, but the Coopers, the Bakers, the Pennings, the Beagles, and our family, all settled at Linnton. When we went there, there was one house, but the men soon had built another. We stayed there all that winter. General McCarver, Peter Burnett and the rest of the men spent most of the winter making a road from Linnton to the Tualatin plains."

The Ragtime Miss

Let other birds sing a brave song of war, Or else of the cannon's loud roar, Of the rifle's crash, And the bayonet's dash, On the broken field, crisscrossed with gore. There's many a bard such a response to near the front, and in the lowland. But I sit in my corner and croon A passionate song of the Ragtime Miss. The knife and the fork and the spoon, A pastoral sweet may be sung to the plough, The hoe and the rake and the spade, And the hoe and the rake and the spade, Goes out with a boom, Many songs to the hammer are made, The fork and the spoon and the knife, And the brace with its head grip of iron, But scoring all runs, I will sing of my folk, The spoon and the knife and the fork, For weapons at best are but made to While implements are to provide The stuff that we eat, The fork and the spoon and the knife, And some other victuals beside; So grant me an ear for the song long Delayed.

"Przemysl" and Otters

From the Vancouver World. It would perhaps be better to discuss what may be expected to follow the close of the war; but there are some directions in which prognostication may be neither premature, nor particularly liable to error. It is suggested, for example, that some of the place names which have only in the present war found names for themselves in English might be changed with advantage. The suggestion is worth considering. There is no reason why in the rejuvenated Europe which will follow the completion of late wars should not be made to continue to be what it is today. To convert foreign names into English forms would be to give a great impetus to the study of continental European history and languages, and would be the satisfaction derived from being able to pronounce the names of great men as they are pronounced by the peoples of the countries to which they belong. The same might be said with regard to cities and provinces.

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